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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS DANES WILLING CONTRIBUTE TO  
MID-EAST PEACEKEEPING FORCES

REF: COPENHAGEN 1844 (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING TO WEEKEND AND TODAY'S MEDIA REPORTS,  
FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN STATED THAT DENMARK IS  
PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE DANISH ELEMENTS TO A UN PEACE-  
KEEPING FORCE IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. "DIPLOMATIC SOURCES"  
ARE QUOTED AS SAYING THAT ANDERSEN MADE THIS STATEMENT  
DURING HIS TWO-DAY (MARCH 17-18) OFFICIAL VISIT TO  
BONN. ACCORDING TO TODAY'S DANISH RADIO NEWS, SWEDEN  
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AND AUSTRIA ALREADY HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO MAKE SUCH  
CONTRIBUTIONS. ALSO ACCORDING TO THE RADIO, ANDERSEN  
CONDITIONED HIS OFFER ON THE PREMISE THAT A DANISH  
PARTICIPATION WOULD NOT BE HELD TO BE INCONSISTENT  
WITH ITS CURRENT EC PRESIDENCY ROLE.

2. TODAY'S POLITIKEN (INDEPENDENT-LEFT OF CENTER)

COMMENTS THAT 300 MEN COULD BE MOBILIZED HERE ON VERY SHORT NOTICE. THIS NUMBER WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO THE 350 DANES PRESENTLY PART OF THE UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN CYPRUS. THE NEWSPAPER ALSO NOTES THAT THE UN IS IN SIGNIFICANT ARREARS IN COMPENSATING DENMARK FOR THE EXPENSE OF ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE CYPRUS FORCE.

3. COMMENT: SOME INTERNAL POLITICAL OPPOSITION TO DANISH PARTICIPATION IN A MID-EAST FORCE COULD MANIFEST ITSELF ON BOTH THE EXTRME LEFT AND EXTREME RIGHT SIDES OF THE DANISH POLITICAL SPECTRUM. BUT THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT - AS SHOWN IN ANDERSEN'S STATEMENT - AND THE PARTIES OF THE CENTER-RIGHT WILL FAVOR MAKING SUCH A CONTRIBUTION IF DENMARK IS ASKED.

4. ALTHOUGH THERE IS SOME CONCERN OVER THE LACK OF PAYMENT FOR CYPRUS, ALMOST ALL DANISH PARTIES - AND THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS IN PARTICULAR - PUT THE UN IN GENERAL, AND PARTICIPATION IN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN PARTICULAR, HIGH ON THEIR LIST OF FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES.  
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